

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : El-Naggar et al. Examiner: B. Kwon
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For : Treatment of Inflammatory, Cancer, and Thrombosis Disorders

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Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2002. A request for three months extension of time accompanies this Amendment. Please amend the application as follows:

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants affirm, with traverse, election of group III (Claim 4) in response to a restriction requirement.

Amendment

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of treating inflammatory disorders in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a combination of: (i) a standard therapeutic dose of a COX2 inhibitor selected from the group consisting of [(i)] celecoxib [(CelebrexR) [A,]] and rofecoxib [(VioxxR) [B]], and other specific COX2 inhibitors [C]], (ii) low dose aspirin in the amount of [C] 70-85 mg[, and (iii) antioxidant flavanoids, flavonoids or isoflavones.
5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the [COX2 inhibitors is compound [A], compound [B] or compound [C] and] low dose aspirin [of 70-85 mg] is in an enteric coated formulation. [This preferred enteric-coated formulation should allow for improved efficacy and safety.]